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All Alumni, whether members of the Association or not, whose addresses have been changed within the past six years are requested to send at once correct addresses to the Secretary, James C. Waters, 1339 T Street, n. w., Washington, D. C., in order that the Alumni lists may be brought up to date and made as complete as possible. Alumni are also requested to keep the Secretary informed of change of address, decease of members, etc.

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Howard's Greatest Commencement and A Record-Breaking Alumni Meeting for June 5, '12

All signs point to the greatest Commencement in the history of old Howard, and an Alumni Reunion that will be a record-breaker. No such interest has ever before been shown in all the history of Howard as is now manifested. Letters are coming from all parts of the country, showing deep interest, and a growing affection and enthusiasm for "dear old Howard." The Alumni are awake as never before. Their faces are turned towards their Alma Mater. They are coming to the Reunion of 1912 for glad fellowship and fresh inspiration through a renewal of the association of the olden days.

There will be songs and yells, and the marching of the Alumni hosts and the joining in of the young "grads," and altogether such a day as has never yet been seen on the old Howard hill.

It is proposed to follow the custom of Harvard and other colleges, and have a procession of Alumni according to classes. It is earnestly hoped that there will be representatives of every class from the beginning. A banner will be ready for each class, and the members will gather around their flag. Headed by brass bands and inspired by songs and college yells, there will be such a marching along the college walks and under the old trees and around the athletic grounds as has never before been seen.

The whole day will be given to reunion and jubilation. First will come the Alumni meeting. And the chapel has never seen such a company as will gather on that day. The new President of the Association, Mr. Dwight O. W. Holmes, has brought to his high task that knowledge and enthusiasm and splendid ability which spell success. His spirit has become contagious, and all the officers are working in harmony and with entire devotion to the interests of that body. The gymnasium project will receive a new impetus.

After the Alumni address, will come the luncheon, tendered by the Board of Trustees. The Commencement exercises are

planned for the campus. It is expected that a great tent will be available, sufficient to hold the thousands who will be present. At night, the campus will blaze with myriad electric lights from our new Electric Lighting and Power Plant. All the buildings will be illuminated. The brass band will furnish music for the promenade concert. The Alumni Banquet is expected to surpass in attendance and interest, all previous occasions.

Alumni, keep your faces turned toward Howard from now until the 5th of June. Plan for a pilgrimage to your Alma Mater! Let the world see the thousands of Howard Alumni at their best. There is nobody of Alumni connected with even the oldest institutions of the Nation that, united and organized for systematic and aggressive work, can exercise a larger influence over a greater number of people in race betterment and national welfare.

Message of the President of the Association to the Alumni

To All Sons and Daughters of Howard University:

By the courtesy of the authorities of the University, this number of the *Howard University Record* is placed at the disposal of the General Alumni Association. As president of that body, I wish to express to the authorities our great appreciation of this courtesy and to assure them of our everlasting loyalty, love and devotion to our Alma Mater.

To our brothers and sisters scattered all over the world we want to give the assurance that the General Alumni Association is alive and awake. We want to remind you that, whatever and wherever you may be, you are one of the children of this great family numbering nearly 3,000. We know that you want to be considered a part of any movement looking toward the betterment of Old Howard. And we are editing this number of the *Record* for the purpose of using it as a medium through which you may be informed of the plans we have on foot for the accomplishment of the great task to which we have set our hands, namely, the erection of a GYMNASIUM upon the grounds of the University; and we know that you are in sympathy with and will give enthusiastic support to this great movement.

When you who have been away for five years or more RETURN NEXT JUNE TO ATTEND THE GREAT REUNION which will occur at that time, you will hardly recognize the old place. It is completely transformed. The illustrated number of the *Record* for November tells the story of this transformation in a striking way. Read it from cover to cover. Indeed, the old place is looking like a real university and all indications point to progress toward better things. All forces are brought to bear

to place Howard in the front rank of American Universities. The president of the University has persuaded the Federal Government to make generous appropriations for the erection of buildings, purchase of equipment, improvement of the grounds and general current expenses. The Science Hall, erected at an outlay of \$90,000, the Hall of Applied Sciences and Industrial Arts costing \$25,000 and the Central Heating and Power House costing over \$100,000 are evidences of the interest Uncle Sam has been persuaded to take in us. And more is asked for 1912! The Carnegie Library, erected and equipped at a cost of over \$50,000 which, in itself, changes the whole atmosphere of the place, shows that private philanthropy is aiding in this upward movement. The deans are raising the standards of scholarship and improving the curricula of their several departments; the teaching corps is strengthening the individual courses; the student body is growing in numbers, accomplishments and enthusiasm; the student organizations are making good in many ways; and the athletic teams are winning victories in spite of difficulties. Not a single score against the Howard foot ball team in three years! And the debating teams have won in every contest!

Now in all this glorious awakening only two essential factors in university organization are missing:—in material equipment, a GYMNASIUM; in active contribution to this growth, THE ALUMNI. We have determined that 1912 SHALL MARK THE END OF THAT CONDITION. The Alumni of Howard will build that GYMNASIUM pledged four years ago.

Of course, then, you are ready to help. Then do these things NOW:

FIRST—Read every word of the articles that follow. They will do you good.

SECOND—Reflect that, as a Howardite, this is just as much your business as mine. We, the officers of the Association, are merely the chosen agents to keep things going. It is the Alumni, not the officers, who are building this Gymnasium.

THIRD—Cut out the leaf of this booklet printed in the form of a subscription blank, make as generous a subscription to this cause as you possible can, arrange the payments to suit your convenience, address it to Robert A. Pelham, 639 F Street, n. w., Room 23, Washington, D. C., AND MAIL IT TO-DAY.

FOURTH—Look forward to and plan to attend the Reunion Luncheon and Banquet to be held on Commencement Day, June 5th. We hope to break ground for the GYMNASIUM on that day. HELP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE AND THEN COME AND HELP DO IT. With sincere and fraternal regard, I am Yours for Howard, Dwight O. W. Holmes, '01, President General Alumni Association.

Financial Agent's Campaign Plan

*By Shelby J. Davidson, Financial Agent, Howard University
Alumni Gymnasium Fund*

The greater Howard University is no longer a dream, a fiction, but a realized fact. The splendid group of magnificent buildings dotting the campus, the enlarged corps of professors, teachers, tutors, and administrative officers, together with the large and enthusiastic student body, evidence this fact. The one disappointment, which must appeal to every alumnus of the University, is the fact that in the attainment of this progress no material expression of alumni interest and effort is anywhere to be seen.

It was to cure this defect, and in response to the demand for the representation of the alumni in the forward movements in Howard University history, that three years since, the Gymnasium was projected and has been carried forward. In keeping with this plan, the Central Committee, under the authority of the General Alumni Association, has appointed and commissioned a financial and field agent to have personal supervision of the raising of the Ten Thousand Dollar Gymnasium Fund, with the co-operation of the alumni body, the Central Committee and the alumni, wherever located.

When the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," was heard, it was responded to, and results followed. Our cry is, "Let us build the Gymnasium." Will you respond? The plan is to make a personal canvass, assisted, where possible, by correspondence; TO AROUSE THE INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM OF HOWARD MEN AND WOMEN throughout the United States and the Island possessions and put them on record. Beginning with Washington, Baltimore, and the near-by cities, the plan contemplates the formation of local alumni associations through which individual pledges are to be made and paid to the financial agent. In every city, town, or hamlet where there are two or more graduates of Howard it is the purpose to organize an alumni association: if there are only two graduates, one of these can be president and the other secretary and treasurer. This will be an advertising medium and will help spread information and create interest. Wherever it is practicable a chain of cities will be made, and through the alumni associations of this chain, dates will be arranged with the financial agent for some public function or entertainment which will be best suited to the section and appeal to the people, and the financial agent will at this time make a visit and canvass the section, the proceeds being credited to the association in charge of the function. It is hoped in this way to create a friendly rivalry and do much good for the Gymnasium

Fund, Howard University and the strengthening of the bonds of fellow and comradeship among the Alumni. Passing over many details intervening, on Commencement Day, June 5th, 1912, we hope to HAVE A GREAT AND ENTHUSIASTIC REUNION of the alumni and a roll call of every class graduated since the organization of the University. At this time we hope to have raised five of the ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars; to break the ground for the Gymnasium and so become an entity to our Alma Mater.

A few years since, Dartmouth College needed one hundred and twenty-five thousand (\$125,000.00) dollars for dormitory purposes. The alumni took up the matter, an agent was placed in the field, and in thirty days the required sum was pledged. Harvard, Yale and Princeton have in like and similar manner benefited by their respective alumni bodies. Granting that the alumni of these schools are more able, financially, than those of Howard, if our alumni will contribute, each in proportion to our ranking financial status as compared with these institutions, the work will be done, not in thirty days, possibly, nor in sixty, but in a reasonable period.

In reply to the question, individually, "HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE?" let the answer be, "In proportion to the benefits I have received and am receiving." Be honest with yourself and send your pledge or contribution or both to Mr. Robert A. Pelham, Secretary and Treasurer, Dietz Building (639 F Street, n. w.) rooms 21-23, Washington, D. C., and receive acknowledgment by return mail. The private law offices of the financial agent in the Dietz Building, rooms 21-23, have been placed at the disposal of the Central Committee and all communications should be so addressed. While we shall communicate with each alumnus in the matter, your co-operation by immediately forwarding your pledge or paying your pledge already made, will be appreciated. Every one can assist the financial agent and help the Gymnasium Fund by

PLEDGING, PAYING, PROMULGATING:

Pledging, that we may know that you are with us; *paying*, that the fund may swell and encourage others; *promulgating*, that no alumnus may be over-looked.

Will Perform a Tangible and Practical Service

The real reason track athletics have not reached the stage of development commensurate with their vital importance in Howard University, is because of the lack of adequate facilities due to the absence of a well equipped gymnasium. Even though Howard has produced the best track athletes of all the Negro Universities, there is room for great improvement and that improvement will

come with the long looked for gymnasium. The Alumni Association of Howard University, by erecting a first-class "gym" will not only erect a noble monument to their honor, but it will also perform a practical service by affording its struggling younger brothers and sisters opportunities for systematic physical development and the results in the future, unbeatable athletic teams, will fully repay its noble effort.

E. Clayton Terry,
Manager Track Team

A Boon to all Future Students

The constant and earnest cry for a much needed gymnasium has not as yet been answered in its erection. That physical development as well as mental and moral development go to make up education is a question about which we hear very little dispute. The athletic field alone cannot round out the best athletes. A gymnasium is and will be the "machine" to put on the finishing touches and round up Howardites for the yearly victorious waving of its enviable colors. A well equipped gymnasium will increase our college spirit over a hundred per cent. I heartily endorse the idea of its erection by the Alumni. It will be a boon to all future students; it will make more comfortable all visiting teams; and will give a greater impulse to Howard athletics. Not only that, it will stand as a monument significant of the work and loyalty of over three thousand Alumni for the benefit of coming generations.

E. M. Chandler,
President Athletic Association

History of the Movement to Raise the Gymnasium Fund

By Robert A. Pelham, Secretary of the Central Committee

Early in 1909 the General Alumni Association began the task of raising \$10,000, that sum to be supplemented by \$15,000 from the Board of Trustees, for the purpose of erecting a gymnasium to be known as the ALUMNI GYMNASIUM.

The Alumni at an earlier Annual Meeting having authorized the appointment of a "committee of fifteen" to have charge of raising the fund, the Central Committee with Prof. Kelly Miller as chairman and Robert A. Pelham as secretary-treasurer was formed to push the plan of the General Association toward securing the much needed gymnasium building.

This committee, composed of resident members of the Alum-

ni, two from each of the seven Departments of the University and the president of the Association was as follows:

College—Jesse Lawson, N. E. Weatherless.

Medical—Dr. J. R. Wilder, Dr. C. W. Childs.

Law—James A. Cobb, Robert A. Pelham.

Teachers College—Miss Maria L. Jordan, Wm. A. Joiner.

Academy—Mrs. A. V. Chase, Willis A. Madden.

Commercial—Mrs. Alma J. Scott, A. S. Pinkett.

Theology—Rev. S. Geriah Lamkins, Rev. D. E. Wiseman.

President of Alumni—Kelly Miller, Chairman.

At the suggestion of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee, the treasurer of the University was selected as the custodian of the fund.

May 26, 1909, Reunion Day, the first boom was launched and later appeal was made to about 1,600 members of the alumni body; a circular letter of appeal, a blank subscription card, a blank for change of address, a copy of the "Gymnasium Bulletin" containing a full account of all the events of Commencement week, together with a statement of the amount pledged during that time, being sent to each member.

This effort brought some responses and by Feb. 19, 1910, the committee had placed in the treasury about \$500 cash and had received pledges to the amount of about \$2,000. May 21, 1910, the amount had grown to nearly \$800 and the pledges to about \$3,000. The herculean efforts of the colored branch of the Washington Y. M. C. A., during 1910 hampered more successful pushing of the Gymnasium movement locally.

The appeals of the Y. M. C. A. workers were direct and personal. It soon became evident to the Gymnasium Committee that the most successful way to get the attention and support of the individual alumnus was by personal appeal and an effort was made to secure the services of Rev. W. A. Sinclair, of Philadelphia, an alumnus of large experience, as Financial and Field Agent. In February, 1911, it was reported to the Committee that Dr. Sinclair could not be secured for the work. The names of Mr. Wm. L. Houston and Mr. Shelby J. Davidson were considered but both gentlemen were also reported as "not available" at that time.

At the annual meeting of the Alumni, May 31, 1911, the Association also took this view of the situation and authorized the Committee to employ a financial agent. January 10, 1912, the Central Gymnasium Committee, which under the revised constitution had been increased to thirty members, by the appointment by President Holmes of fifteen additional members, held a largely attended meeting in the Board Room of the Carnegie Library, Howard Campus, and Mr. Shelby J. Davidson, a vice-president of the association and one of the new members of the committee

agreed to accept the appointment as Financial and Field Agent.

The individual subscriptions run as high as \$200 and the following are among the amounts paid :

Student Volunteer Movement by Miss M. I. Hardwick, \$50; George W. Cook, Dr. S. G. Elbert and J. R. Wilder, \$100 each. James A. Cobb, Wm. A. Joiner, Kelly Miller, Judge G. W. Atkinson, E. P. Davis, George M. Lightfoot, Dr. Lucy Moten and Dr. J. Herve Purdy, \$50 each; Neval H. Thomas, \$30; Dr. George Geffers, Dr. R. M. Hall and Judge M. W. Gibbs, \$25 each; L. G. Gregory, Mrs. A. V. Chase, Miss Ruth G. D. Havens, \$20 each; J. M. Carter, \$12.50; R. C. Bruce, Dr. E. A. Balloch, Rev. Scott Wood, Miss Eva V. Johnson, A. F. Hilyer, Dr. M. C. Smith, Miss Caroline F. Smith and Frank G. Russell, \$10 each; Zeph P. Moore, Mrs. Alma J. Scott, A. L. Poindexter, Rev. J. G. Martin, Dr. M. Oliver Lee, Dr. D. S. Lamb, George S. Mabry, E. C. Williams, Mrs. Laura B. Glenn; R. A. Pelham, and E. B. Henderson, \$5 each; Dr. S. S. Simmons, \$3.00; Willis A. Madden, \$2.50; and Douglass B. McCary, \$1.25. In all 110 subscribers have pledged about \$3,300 and paid in one-third of that amount.

The Alumni at the Great Yell Meetings

Among the most successful and interesting meetings held in the University during the past few months were the great inspiration or yell meetings held in Rankin Memorial Chapel, just before the important games between Howard and the teams of Lincoln and Shaw.

Every element of university life was represented in these vitalizing gatherings—President Thirkield, the Deans, other members of the Faculty, the student body, former graduates and many citizens vied with each other in holding up the banner of old Howard, and giving comfort and cheer to the valiant gridiron warriors who were soon to do battle in the name of Howard.

The Alumni body was represented at one meeting by Judge R. H. Terrell, Law '93, and at the other by Secretary-Treasurer Robert A. Pelham, Law '04. By their presence and words these busy men gave the assurance that whether upon the side lines at every game or not, every Alumnus was interested in each branch of athletics in the University and stood ready to help maintain successful teams on Howard hill.

Said one:

"Howard stands for more than a pile of bricks and mortar; Howard stands for more than a learned faculty; more than a brilliant student body; more than a well balanced course of study; more than well contested athletic sports; more than a great Alumni; for when you sing of "Old Howard" you encompass

all that those component parts have done and will do for the good of humanity and the uplift of the masses.

'Victory belongs to the most persevering;' it is therefore your duty to yell and yell and yell, in fact, yell like—Howard would have you yell.

"We all know what an important and vital element of success to the home team the attitude of the crowd is. It is therefore of signal importance that this vitalizing force be ever in evidence and it rests with you, Mr. Yell Master, to keep the ball rolling—keep up the spirit and when you yell, yell like H-O-W-A-R-D; that's the spell that's going to tell."

And now the thought comes, what more inspiring, vitalizing force could be presented to a struggling team than to look up and see a great Alumni Gymnasium built as a monument to the many heroic struggles upon the historic campus at Howard.

Now that the \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building in Washington is an accomplished fact and the Committee has secured a "live wire" in Mr. Davidson's acceptance of the position as Financial Agent, the "Gym" movement has received new impetus and the campaign will be pushed with vigor.

"Old Howard" expects every alumnus to do his or her duty and the Committee's work should bear such fruit as will spell v-i-c-t-o-r-y during the coming months.

Important Notes for Alumni

The officers of the Capital Consulting Company, Messrs. Robert A. Pelham, Manager, and Shelby J. Davidson, Attorney, with offices at rooms 21—23 Dietz Building, 639 F street, at 7th, cordially welcome all Howardites, whether undergraduates or members of the great graduate body, to call and help keep up the interest in the gymnasium movement.

Visitors to the city are especially welcome. A register will be maintained and on visiting the city every alumnus is expected to register and keep in touch with the resident alumni. An up-to-date indicator will show at a glance the exact status of the amounts both subscribed and paid in and no effort will be spared to get in touch with every alumnus whether in the Orient, the Isles of the Sea, South America, the wild West, or in the District of Columbia.

It so happens, that the officers of the newly formed company mentioned above, are also the Secretary-Treasurer and the Financial Agent of the "Gym" Fund and "at home" at all times to any one interested in the Gymnasium movement.

HOWARD ALUMNI NIGHT AT BETHEL LITERARY

Arrangements are being made for a Howard University Alumni meeting at the Bethel Literary and Historical Society, on Tuesday evening, March 5, 1912. Financial agent, Shelby J. Davidson and President Andrew D. Washington of the Literary, who is also an alumnus of Howard, have the matter in hand and a fine program will be presented. Every alumnus in Washington and vicinity is expected to be present and join in a great rally for old Howard.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS BEING FORMED

During the past year several local Alumni Associations have been formed in different parts of the country. The sons and daughters of Howard in every community where they number four and more should get together, form a local association and stand shoulder to shoulder for the advancement of their interests and the up-building of their Alma Mater, and first of all, give their support to the movement for the erection of the Gymnasium at an early date.

NEW ALUMNI RECORD ADDRESSES WANTED

Every Alumnus who receives a copy of this number of the *University Record* is urgently requested to help us locate every other Alumnus of Howard. If upon mentioning the receipt of the *Record* any Howardite is found who has not received a copy and you will kindly send his name and address, using the form as shown on page 31 of this issue, we will take pleasure in sending said Alumnus a copy by return mail and also will be able to place his address in its proper place in our card register.

A NEW AND COMPLETE ALUMNI RECORD

The Board of Trustees and Faculty have taken up the matter of a republication of the Alumni Catalog as suggested by the Association and a thorough canvass of the field for all data relative to Howard graduates has been inaugurated. Give all the aid you can when called upon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LADY GRADUATES

Every lady graduate of Howard University who has married since her graduation is urgently requested to at once drop a card to one of the secretaries of the Association giving her present full name and address.

Thursday, February 22, the down town office of the Financial department of the Alumni, 639 F Street at Seventh Street, will be open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. and every lady graduate is especially invited to call, show her interest in the "Gym" movement and give any suggestion.

BOARD OF EDITORS

The Central (Gymnasium) Committee when informed that President Thirkield had placed the *University Record* for January 1912, at the disposal of the committee to boom the Gymnasium movement, at once appointed the following officers of that committee as a Board of Editors. President, D. O. W. Holmes; Chairman, Kelly Miller; Secretary, J. C. Waters, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert A. Pelham; and Financial Agent, Shelby J. Davidson.

The Alumni Gymnasium

Kelly Miller, Chairman Central Fund

Wisdom is justified of her children. The offspring is a justifier of the parent. "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land" applies to college descendants as well as to children after the flesh. The physical parent is a link in the chain of generational continuity, but an institution of learning has no excuse for being expected to produce a strong, vigorous and effective progeny. The factory is established solely for its output, so also is a college or university.

This principle has emphatic emphasis in case of Howard University. The institutions for higher education of the Negro race grew out of the faith and zeal engendered by the Civil War. They were founded in an age of belief, projected at a time when men believed in God and in the powers and possibilities of His human creatures. Gen. O. O. Howard and his devoted collaborators said "We will plant at the Capital of the nation a university based upon the highest standards of learning, in order that we may develop, as speedily as possible, a body of thoroughly educated men and women to fill the places of leadership and direction in the affairs of a people now struggling upward to the light of civilization." This was the vision. The alumni body is the realization of this vision.

The Howard University Alumni represent the largest and most influential and wide-spread group of educated colored men in America. There have gone out from this institution over 2,500 graduates from the several departments, who are scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, and are distributed among the various callings and pursuits making for the higher and better life of the race. It is not necessary, in this general utterance, to indulge in unvitalized statistics. Suffice it to say that the Alumni body is represented, I had almost said in controlling numbers, in the professions of Medicine, Law, Theology, Teaching, public life and general activities.

During the past 10 years it has been my privilege to meet with the most distinguished gatherings of colored men in the various

pursuits in all parts of the country. Whether it be a doctors' association, a conference of ministers, an educational convention, a business organization, a political gathering, or a moral and social uplift, I never fail to find a goodly number of Howard men in the midst thereof, as a contributing or controlling influence. In truth and indeed, the wisdom of the founders of Howard University is justified by her children.

But I do not wish to indulge in extravagant laudation. The Alumni of Howard University, though effective as individual influences, do not, as a whole, rise up to the high level of their powers and possibilities. They have not focused their influence and power about their Alma Mater as the burning point of enthusiasm. The lever and weight have not been applied to the pivot and fulcrum. This, fellow Alumni, is the loudest and sadest cry of your Alma Mater. Howard University possesses strategic opportunities. She has the largest student and alumni body, with the most extensive foundation, appliance and facilities of any institution in the world devoted to the higher education of the colored youth. In friendly cooperation with allied influences, she ought to dominate the higher side of Negro life in all of its complex phases of activity. This she can do only in so far as the alumni, who have been surcharged with a double measure of her spirit, will keep in close touch with the center of inducing influence and will thus extend and multiply its power.

As the heart, through its propulsive energy, sends the life-giving stream to the remotest ramification of the body, so Howard University would, through her higher out-givings, reach and inspire each and every alumnus with the quickening power of its own heart throbs.

“Energetic Excellence”

Records of Some Howard Men

There is in Howard University an organization of undergraduates which has as its motto, adopted in 1910, the words which head this article. The phrase means *ceaseless striving after flawless results*. It connotes the spirit that can brook no compromise with anything less than one's best. It is an embodiment of the idea expressed by President O. B. Jefferson, (Law, 1906) of the Muskogee, Okla., Howard Alumni Association, when he wrote: “Where I do not give the address, you need not hesitate to write; for, given the name of a Howard alumnus and the city in which he resides, it is a ‘ten-to-one shot’ he is the easiest man to find in the whole place.”

It is desired to set out here a few examples of energetic excellence as exemplified by some of the Alma Mater's sons and daughters. Were my space not very limited, this article, instead

of being a mere cursory glance, as it were, over the field, would become a record of meritorious service in many callings, than which no institution of similar advantages—and disadvantages—could produce one more distinguished. I must perforce, therefore, confine myself to a few references picked at random from our files:

From the School of Theology, Howard's sons have taken rank in the foremost files of them that labor for the advancement of the Christian church as well as for the great uplift through the medium of education. Prominent among these are Dr. J. E. Moorland, member of the Board of Trustees of the University and International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; Rev. W. H. Brooks, '89, pastor of St. Mark's M. E. Church, New York City; Prof. J. W. Hoffman, '87, head of the Department of Agriculture, N. and I. Institute, Prairie View, Texas; Rev. D. M. Baxter, '04, pastor of the famous "Dollar Money" stronghold, Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. P. B. Oldham, '05, President of Boyd's Institute, Oakwood, Texas; Rev. Dr. D. E. Wiseman, '84, distinguished theologian, social worker and pastor, of Washington, D. C.; the late Rev. J. H. Welch, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Washington, D. C.; Rev. W. A. Sinclair, M. D., formerly traveling financial agent of Howard University, now practicing physician in Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Aquila Sayles, '01, Rev. S. R. Hughes, '85, Rev. S. Geriah Lampkins, '85, Rev. C. C. Gill, '06, Rev. H. A. Carroll, '86, Rev. Stogan K. Vantrolsky, of Bulgaria, Rev. J. C. Van Loo, '07, Rev. E. H. Oxley, '09, Rev. R. D. Brister, '02, Rev. Clifford Jeter, '05, Rev. J. W. Mahoney, '05, Rev. D. J. C. McEady, '93, and others.

In jurisprudence and public service, her sons from the School of Law have risen to dizzy heights. There is nothing in the catalogue for 1891 to indicate any particular promise for any student mentioned therein. Yet, a member of the Law class of that year went to his home city of Wheeling, began the practice of his profession, was called almost immediately to serve the people in various capacities, rose steadily through the different grades of official position, became Governor of the great state of West Virginia, and shortly afterward was elevated to the bench, thus realizing the lawyer's fondest dream. Such, briefly, has been the notable career of one of Howard's most loyal sons, Mr. Justice Geo. W. Atkinson, of the United States Court of Claims. W. J. Carter, '92, became Assistant City Attorney at Harrisburg, Pa. The late D. A. Straker, '72, distinguished advocate and author of legal works, was twice elected Circuit Court Commissioner at Detroit, Mich. Hon. J. C. Napier, '72, is Register of the United States Treasury, which same position was held for eight

years by another Howardite, Hon. J. W. Lyons, '84, of Augusta, Ga. Notable also among the alumni of the Law School are Geo. Wm. Cook, '99, Secretary of Howard University; I. H. Nutter, '01, lawyer and member of the Mayor's Advisory Board, Atlantic City, N. J.; Hon. H. W. Bass, '94, member of the Pennsylvania Legislature; Hon. Geo. H. White, formerly member of Congress from North Carolina, Secretary of the Acme Building and Loan Association, and President of the People's Savings Bank, Philadelphia, Pa.; Andrew R. Black, '99, who recently won a great victory before the Supreme Court of the State of Washington; Hon. Robert H. Terrell, '89, Judge of the Municipal Court, Washington, D. C.; Geo. H. DeReef, '05, Assistant Clerk, Municipal Court, Washington, D. C.; W. H. Carrington, '02, of Cristobal, the most successful lawyer on the Canal Zone; W. H. H. Hart, '87, jurist, scholar and teacher; James F. Bundy, Secretary of the Law School; W. L. Houston, formerly Grand Master and now Justice of the Supreme Court of the Odd Fellows; Miss Ruth Havens, '83, and W. J. Curry, '93, United States Treasury experts; J. T. Settle, '75, of Memphis, Tenn., Charles H. Seales, of Boston, Mass., B. L. Gaskins, '05, Master in Chancery, Washington, D. C., T. G. Nutter, '00, of Charleston, W. Va., E. J. Graham, Jr., '10, of Wheeling, W. Va., C. C. Fitzgerald, '92, of Baltimore, Md., J. A. Cobb, '00, Special Assistant District Attorney, Washington, D. C., S. D. McCree, '11, of Muskogee, Okla.; all of whom are distinguished citizens and members of the bar in their respective cities. The Law School roll is long and honorable.

In Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy, they have won both fame and fortune. That this is true can be shown by a long list of the Alma Mater's sons, the vast majority of whom must pass unmentioned in this article for the reason already stated. For the purpose of illustrating, however, the ultimate ends to which the influence of the Alma Mater may be made to reach by the activities of the Alumni, it is proposed to speak at some length of a single graduate of the Medical Department, M. C. Smith, D. D. S., M. D., D. M. D., M. A., of Lynn, Mass. Graduating in 1887 from the Dental College of Howard University and a year later from the Medical College, Dr. Smith took up the practice of his profession, since which time he has served variously as Honorary Vice President and in attendance, International Dental Congress, Berlin, 1909; Member and in attendance, International Medical Congress, Budapest, 1909; Member and in attendance, French Congress of Stomatology, 1911; Oral Surgeon at Union Hospital, Lynn, Mass.; Chairman of Committee on Dental Education, of the Massachusetts Dental Society; Chairman of the Committee on the Advisability of forming a Post Graduate

School of Dentistry under the auspices of the Mass. Dental Society.

If Dr. Smith has done very well indeed, many, many others from the Medical Department have to their credit achievements almost, if not fully, as conspicuous. Dr. Marcus W. Wheatland, of Newport, R. I., member of the Board of Trustees of the University, specialist in electro-therapy, physician and surgeon, is second to none in the city of wealth and accomplishment where he lives. Dr. C. Sumner Wormley, '00, in charge of the Dental Infirmary since 1902, has made the Dental College of Howard University, with its thirty-five chairs, a name to conjure with. Dr. A. J. Gwathney, '92, was for four years in charge of the Dental Infirmary, where he did much to lay the foundation upon which the present efficiency of the Dental School rests. The alumni from the Medical Department with its allied colleges, are to be found in every nook and corner of the globe, and wherever they are, men find them living exponents of energetic excellence. Among them are to be noted Dr. W. D. Crum, '80, sometime Collector of the Port of Charleston, S. C., now Minister to Liberia; Dr. H. W. Furniss, '91, formerly Consul to Bahia, Brazil, now American minister to the Republic of Haiti; Dr. E. A. Balloch, '79, Dean of the Medical Department, Howard University; the late F. J. Shadd, '81, Secretary of the Medical Department, and Dr. W. C. McNeill, '04, present Secretary of the Medical Department, Howard University; Dr. W. A. Warfield, '88, Surgeon in Chief, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; Dr. H. C. Scurlock, '00, Professor in the Medical College and author of works on Chemistry; Dr. W. W. Alleger, '85, distinguished bacteriologist, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Anna Bartsch-Dunne, '02, noted histologist, of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Ponau Bagaley, '01, of Bassein, Burmah; Dr. Ruizo Sohne, '08, of Tokyo, Japan; Dr. Wladimer de Niedman, '84, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. J. C. Ellis, '10, Assistant City Medical Examiner, Charleston, W. Va.; Dr. G. H. Bolling, '04, successful physician and surgeon, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Dr. R. L. Jones, '02, of Charleston, W. Va.; Dr. C. H. Herriot, '11, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Dr. R. L. Williams, '09, of Muskogee, Okla.; Dr. D. T. Cardwell, '05, of Seattle, Wash.; Dr. Edw. Terry, '03, of Atlantic City, N. J.; Dr. Len. Barnhill, '11, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Drs. E. V. Fitzgerald, '04, E. J. Wheatley, '98, R. G. Baker, '98, and R. M. Hall, '72, of Baltimore, Md.; Drs. C. W. Childs, '93, J. R. Wilder, '88, J. M. Lamb, '84, Ionia Whipper, '02, E. M. Boyle, '02, Clarence Brent, '10, of Washington, D. C.

The sons of Old Howard from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Teachers College have brought added glory to the Alma Mater. Upon this roll are found the distinguished scholar, soci-

ologist, thinker, author and poet, Kelly Miller, LL. D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Miller was in the class of 1886. On this roll also are to be found W. E. Benson, '95, founder and principal of the Industrial Institute at Kowaliga, Ala.; D. O. W. Holmes, professor of Natural History, Colored High School, Baltimore, Md., and President of the General Alumni Association; Martin R. Powell, '03, professor of Latin, Mathematics and History, Payne University, Selma, Ala.; Mrs. Florence Dungee-Carroll, '02, of Charleston, W. Va.; Professor J. M. Gregory, Principal of the Manual Training and Industrial School for Colored Youth, Bordentown, N. J.; Mrs. Harriet Hubbard-Clem, '03, of Springfield, Illinois; N. E. Weatherless, '93, professor of Natural History, M Street High School, and high in the circles of Masonry, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Phoebe Perry, '10, teacher in High School, Wheeling, W. Va.; H. L. Cox, '10, principal of Frederick Douglass High School, Columbia, Mo.; Miss Abbie Johnson, teacher in Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; M. S. Walton, '09, teacher of Physiography, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; G. W. Hines, '09, head teacher, Western University, Quindaro, Kans.; F. D. Bluford, '09, teacher in St. Paul School, Lawrenceville, Va.; Geo. B. Overton, '09, principal of Mechanic St. Public School, Cumberland, Md.; Jno. O. Morrison, '08, professor of English, New Orleans University, La.; Miss Kate C. Lewis, '08, principal of Mott School, Washington, D. C.; Miss Ethel Belcher, '07, teacher of Kindergarten, Washington, D. C.; B. D. Russell, '11, pastor of First Baptist Church, Steelton, Pa.; Miss Ellen T. Morris, '11, assistant principal, High School, Camden, N. J.; Miss Anna R. Boyer, '06, teacher in Public Schools, Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Curtis, '05, public stenographer and court reporter, Washington, D. C.; J. G. Logan, '05, assistant professor of Science, Howard University; M. M. Morton, '04, teacher in Armstrong Technical High School, Washington, D. C.; J. W. Botts, '03, principal of Presbyterian Training School, Bowling Green, Ky.; Miss Grace P. Campbell, '02, probation officer, City Courts, New York; Miss M. E. Hillman, '01, assistant principal, Business Department, Armstrong Technical High School, Washington D. C.; Miss Hattie E. Hamer, '01, teacher in Slater Normal School, Winston-Salem, N. C.; Grant S. Murray, 1900, Professor of Science, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.; Professor W. A. Joiner, 1900, Superintendent of State Normal and Industrial Department, Wilberforce University, Ohio, and many, many others.

Pausing to mention three distinguished graduates of the Preparatory Department, Dr. Inman E. Page, '72, President of the State University, Langston, Okla.; Geo. M. Lightfoot, Professor

of Latin, College of Arts and Sciences, Howard University; and Ulysses L. Houston, '99, late President of the Council of Upper Classmen, Howard University, I reluctantly lay aside this task. A list of names and present addresses of the alumni is being prepared as fast as authentic information comes. Graduates of every Department of the University are urged to assist in this behalf. James C. Waters, Jr. (Col. '04, Law '11) Secretary, General Alumni Association, 1339 T Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

Alumni Notes

"The Black Cabinet" is a designation applied to the colored Presidential appointees in the city of Washington. Howard University has three out of seven, in the persons of Hon. J. C. Napier, Register of the Treasury, Judge R. H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court and James A. Cobb, Esq., Special Assistant United States Attorney. In addition to the three members of the "Black Cabinet" already mentioned, Hon. H. W. Furniss, Minister to Hayti, Dr. Wm. G. Crum, Minister to Liberia, Hon. L. W. Livingston, Consul Cape Haytien, Hayti, Hon. Joseph E. Lee, Collector of Port, Jacksonville, Florida, Hon. John W. Bass, member Pennsylvania Legislature are Howard University Alumni.

Howard University Men as Inventors: Andrew F. Hilyer, Robert A. Pelham, S. J. Davidson, and Hugh M. Browne have been awarded patents for their inventions.

Howard University Men as Authors: Dr. W. J. Simmons, Prof. James M. Gregory, Hon. D. Augustus Straker, Dr. W. A. Sinclair, and Kelly Miller give Howard University a fair standing in the field of authorship.

Howard University Men as Editors: T. Thomas Fortune, W. Calvin Chase, M. M. Lewey, John C. Dancey, John W. Cromwell, H. Asbury, and James A. Slaughter represent the fourth estate.

Howard University Men as Educators: Prof. Hugh M. Browne, Prof. James M. Gregory, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, Prof. Inman E. Page, Mrs. Josephine T. Washington and W. E. Benson, to say nothing of "the University group," are high representatives in the field of Pedagogy.

Howard University Graduates as Social Workers: Mrs. Eloise Bibb-Thomas and Miss Marie Woolfolk have devoted their lives to social service.

Dr. Marcus A. Wheatland and Dr. A. J. Kenny have been presidents of the National Medical Association.

Alumni Notes from Baltimore

On the faculty of the Colored High School of Baltimore, numbering 29, Howard is represented as follows:

Dwight O. W. Holmes, '01, Vice Principal and Head of Department of Science; Thomas W. Turner, '01, Biology; Lucy D. Slowe, '07, English; Margaret A. Flagg, '09, History; Ethel G. Jones, '10, History.

In the Elementary Schools of Baltimore, Howard is well represented. Among the prominent representatives may be mentioned Herbert M. Finley, '09; John W. Cotton, '09; Lucia B. Stubbs, '05; John R. Martin, '02; Alice E. G. Jeffries.

Lucinda Cook as Supervisor of Practice and Annie O. H. Williamson as a member of the faculty of the Colored Training School have largely influenced the lives of those entering the ranks of the teaching force of Baltimore during the last ten years.

Drs. R. G. Baker, A. O. Reid and O. D. Jones, all of Howard, who have for some years formed a majority of the colored dentists of Baltimore are being supplemented by Drs. Jesse M. Wilkins and Benjamin F. Brown, Jr., both of the dental class of 1911, who recently opened establishments in that city.

Drs. T. S. Hawkins and E. T. Wheatly, besides making a success as physicians are doing excellent service in social work. The former is high in the councils of the Charity Organization; the latter is actively engaged in procuring a public swimming pool for colored people.

Two lawyers, a physician and a pharmacist, has Howard made of the Fitzgeralds of Tennessee. The eldest brother C. C. Fitzgerald is one of the most prominent barristers and most influential and respected citizens of the "Monumental City." W. L. Fitzgerald has risen to a position of the highest prominence in the real estate business. During the past year he moved into his commodious offices on the first floor of the Wm. L. Fitzgerald Building. Dr. E. V. Fitzgerald is one of the best of the younger physicians in the city and is rapidly forging to the front. The youngest of the four brothers recently graduated in Pharmacy.

Howard's physicians are certainly entrenched in Baltimore. Besides those already mentioned they are scattered around as follows:

Northern Section: R. G. Chissell. Northwestern Section: D. Grant Scott, R. M. Hall, F. N. Cardoza, E. Bernard Hughes, B. M. Rhetta, H. F. Brown and B. M. Starks.

Eastern Section: Wm. E. Harris and John C. Robinson.

W. Ashbie Hawkins, president of the local Alumni Association continues to maintain his position in the front rank of the members of the Baltimore Bar. His recent "run in" with the Police Board in which the court, acting as referee, decided that

the Board came off second best, attests to his ability as a fighter.

Rev. T. G. Martin, Theological Department, is a prominent pastor. Rev. McHenry J. H. Naylor is a District Superintendent in the Washington Conference of the M. E. Church. Rev. I. L. Thomas as General Field Agent of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society of the M. E. Church exerts a wonderful influence over an extensive territory.

Rev. Alfred Young by his characteristic energy and enthusiasm has raised his charge to a prominent place among the churches in this city, until today "King Hill" as his church is popularly called, stands high in Methodist circles.

Dr. H. E. Young is the dean of Howard Pharmacists in Baltimore. His beautiful store is a land mark on Druid Hill Ave.

Mrs. Margaret Gregory-Hawkins, wife of Professor W. A. Hawkins, Principal of the Colored High School, is one of our most enthusiastic alumni. She is the daughter of Professor James M. Gregory, formerly professor of Latin at this University.

Mrs. Martha G. Lane of the Normal Department learned to love Howard while there and kept that love after leaving. The best proof is that she sent her son there when he was ready to go.

Hugh M. Burkett, real estate dealer, is in a large degree responsible for the activity of the Negroes of this city in buying property. His down-town offices are centers of business activity.

Howard Yells

By an Alumnus

(With Apologies to Edgar Allan Poe)

Hear the rabble with the yells—

Howard yells!

What a whirling rush of feeling each melody impels!

How they tingle, tingle, tingle,

As the teams prepare to fight;

How the players meet and mingle,

Both collectively and single,

In their rivalry of might!

Keeping time, time, time,

In a sort of running rhyme,

To the megaphonic musing that so musically wells

From the belles, belles, belles,

Howard belles,

From the jingling and the tingling of the belles.

Hear the merry maidens' yells,

Miner yells!

What a maddening of vitality their harmony impels!

How they sing out their delight

As they wave the blue and white;
Hear each maiden's golden note
 Just in tune;
Hear the liquid ditties float
From each turtledovelike throat,
 All in rhyme!
Oh! the beaux and oh! the belles,
 Beaux and belles,
What a gush of euphony voluminously wells!
 How it swells!
 How it dwells!
On each player how it tells,
With the singing and the ringing
 Of the yells,
Of the yells, yells, yells, yells, yells, yells,
With the singing and the ringing.
Ah! the clinging and the dinging
 Of the yells.

Hear the rabble toll the bell—
 Bell and yell.
What a world of solemn thought those monotones dispel!
In the silence of the night,
How we listen with delight
At the midnight revelation of the score.
'Tis the signal—"Howard's won!"
And the rabble's having fun—
 Nothing more;
While the maidens one and all,
They that dwell up in the hall,
 Feel a glory in the tolling
 Evermore;
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of running rhyme,
To the pealing of the bell—
 Of the bell;
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of running rhyme,
To each stirring Howard yell;
Keeping time, time, time,
In a sort of running rhyme,
To each maddening Howard yell;
 At the bell,
At the bell, bell, bell, bell, bell, bell, bell,
At the swinging and the ringing of the bell!

The Teachers College Alumni

The Teachers College, since its organization as a high grade college for the training of teachers, has graduated (including those who have taken diplomas, and degrees and certificates) 187 persons of whom 177 are now living. From among this number 34 are teaching in kindergarten, 57 in the different grades of the public schools, 34 are employed as teachers or principals of high schools, normal schools and colleges. They are distributed through 22 states, the District of Columbia, Africa and the Philippines.

The activities of these graduates and the prominent positions held by them, as a glance at the alumni list will show, is evidenced by the following personal notes in addition to those names in the article "Energetic Excellence."

Messrs. James M. Carter, '02, Benjamin Washington, '03, Matthew M. Morton, '04, and Miss Bertha McNeil, '08, are among those who are filling successfully their positions in the High Schools of Washington, D. C.

Miss Helen Adele Johnson, '05, after five years as head of the department in drawing at Tuskegee Institute, Ala., has accepted the position in the Whittier Model School, Hampton Institute, Va.

Miss Kate Celeste Lewis, '08, is presiding with dignity over the New Mott School of Washington, D. C. ,

Mr. John Oliver Morrison, '08, professor of English at New Orleans University, is reported to be doing magnificent work and has received several promotions in substantial recognition thereof.

Mr. Morris S. Walton, '09, has charge of the Department of Geography at Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Mr. George W. Hines, '09, reports considerable improvement in the business department, over which he presides at Quindaro, Kansas.

Miss Anna E. Brown, '09, is reported by Principal Inborden to be one of the most successful teachers at the Joseph K. Brick N. & I. School, Enfield, N. C.

Miss Phoebe Perry, '10, successful teacher in the high school at Wheeling, W. Va., has just declined a call to the secretaryship for the Y. W. C. A. at St. Louis, feeling that her work at Wheeling had not yet been done.

Mr. H. L. Cox, '10, is reported by the Superintendent as developing the best high school work ever had in Columbia, Mo. His principalship is regarded as eminently successful.

Among later graduates, who are holding places of importance, are Mr. Rufus W. Hawkins, '10, of the State College, Tallahassee, Fla.; Miss Helen E. Jones, '10, State Normal School, Montgomery, Ala.; Miss Alice P. Murray, '10, teacher in high school,

Cairo, Ill.; Miss Mary R. Clifford, '11, Miss Ellen T. Morris, '11, Miss Florence Payne, '11, Miss Georgia Smyley, '11, all of the public schools, Camden, N. J., Mr. George W. Mitchell, '11, is assistant principal of Albany Normal School, Albany, Ga.

Mr. Clifford C. Robertson, '11, was called on graduation, to a position to our own Academy. Miss Helen R. Mondy, '11, and Miss Laura Thomas of the class of '08, report successful work in their schools in Atlantic City, N. J.

Miss Mary E. R. Ross, daughter of Rev. Dr. Ross of the Metropolitan Church, is developing a unique kindergarten work in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Ida M. Allen, '11, who was called to her Alma Mater at Payne College, Augusta, Ga., extends us a cordial invitation to be present at the inauguration of their new President, Rev. Dr. Hammond.

Mr. George W. B. Overton, '09, was called immediately on graduation to take charge of a rather discouraging school work at Cumberland, Md. He has succeeded in rejuvenating the work and extending much encouragement to the people.

Miss Lulu V. Gibson is teaching domestic science in the same school at Cumberland, over which Mr. Overton presides.

Dr. Arthur S. Gray, who took a certificate in '00 is a persistent student. Since his graduation he has become stenographer and official translator in the Department of Statistics of the United States Treasury, and has also received a diploma from our School of Medicine as Doctor of Pharmacy.

Mrs. Laura Louis Bruce-Glenn, '01, at one time teacher in our training school at the University, since her marriage has given considerable attention to the work of the colored social settlement and is rendering very helpful service in that capacity.

Mrs. Eloise Bibb-Thomas, '07, was for several years the efficient head worker in charge of the colored social settlement of this city.

Mrs. Mayme I. Dyke-Turner, for some time teacher in the schools of Gettysburg, Pa., has our heartiest sympathy in the recent loss sustained in the death of her father.

Miss Osceola M. Burl, '06, teacher at West Chester, Pa., was among the unfortunate teachers who suffered injury in the fall of a floor of the hall, in which the Teachers' Institute was being held in December. Miss Burl was confined to a local hospital for some time, but is now improving.

Among public school teachers who have recently finished their course of study at the University and received degrees are the Misses Maria Louise Jordan, Principal of the Paine public school; Kate Celeste Lewis, Principal of the Mott school; Corrine Martin, Catherine Martin, Emma R. Clark.

Dedication of the New Science Hall

Address of Doctor Henry S. Prichett

President of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching

Science and the Negro Race

We are met to-day to open formally a building dedicated to scientific teaching and experimentation in chemistry, physics, biology, physiology and other sciences, which are not only factors in general education, but furnish as well the foundation for the professional life of the physician, of the engineer, of the chemist, and of many other callings. The occasion is one of significance for the reason that this is the most complete modern building ever prepared for the instruction of the negro race in science. It is this which lends special significance to the gathering.

I apprehend that the great result which science and the scientific method have brought to us is not the immediate physical inventions which have been made or the technical skill which we have acquired. It is not the wireless telegraph or even the power over disease. The great contribution of science lies in the quality of thinking which its study has brought in and in the philosophy of life to which that study has led.

The scientific attitude of mind toward truth is nothing other than the attitude of open-mindedness and of unflagging industry. Science recognizes that back of nature stands the power in which we move and live and have our being and that this power which rules and sustains the universe works through laws which the human mind may come to learn and understand. The scientific attitude of mind, therefore, prompts the individual and the race to approach all truth from the standpoint of free inquiry, of thorough testing, and of conformity to law. Finally, the scientific attitude of mind contributes to our philosophy of life a new note of optimism. To the human race universally the word of science is to look up and not down, to look forward and not backward. Science teaches that the progress of the race has been from immemorial time upward, that, growing as we have out of a brute ancestry we have nevertheless in large measure shaken off the brute nature. Science, therefore, touches our philosophy of life with a note of optimism which bids us look upon the future of the race as a continuation of upward progress. As this attitude of mind becomes universal, men will be more hopeful, more energetic, more thoughtful, more scientific.

Now the special significance of the erection of such a building for the use of the Negro race lies in the fact that at the beginning of their formal education fifty years ago the men of this race turned, and turned most naturally, to the older form of education,

to those things which rested upon the traditions of the white race, to the studies which through many generations had come to be looked upon by men of the white race as the necessary and only means of education and of training. It was a somewhat singular coincidence that just as the Negro race began its education in the formal way through schools, it should take up a form of education which was in the process of transformation at the hands of the race which had long used it. It is really only within comparatively recent years and through the leadership of a few men that the Negro race, which has most stood in need of the industrial and scientific education, has had its attention called in a practical and effective way to the opportunities for this education which now lie before it. It is therefore all the more significant that today in one of the best known Negro colleges we gather to open a building devoted to the teaching of the great fundamental sciences, the sciences which have been the inspiration of the world in the last half century and whose application will in the next half century afford the greatest stepping stones for progress which any race can find. To-day, as I apprehend it, the Negro race of the United States is fast waking up to the idea that progress for it lies in the adoption of the scientific attitude of mind and of scientific methods, of that attitude of mind which is open-minded and yet at the same time practical, which demands to know the reason why and yet desires to find a method which shall accomplish results.

One other word ought to be said as to the significance of scientific teaching for all races of men, and that is, that science today has become an insistent teacher of the fundamental virtues of right living, those simpler duties of cleanliness and cooperation and honesty which the old law giver put forth so many centuries ago in the name of the Most High. Moses held up before the eyes of those who failed in these simple duties of society the fear of divine vengeance; to-day science points with the same unerring emphasis to the fact that he who is not clean, that he who forgets the public health and its claims, that he who neglects a fair cooperation with the sanitary forces of his own village or his own town will stand in danger at every moment from those microscopic enemies of mankind which live in darkness and in dirt, which thrive on the conditions which neglect creates, and which are ready to smite at any moment the careless and indifferent and unclean. To-day the voice of science, just as the voice of the prophet two thousand years ago, calls mankind of every race to the observance of those elementary, fundamental human virtues without which no people can be strong or healthful or pure.

Outside of these general lines of influence which affect the in-

tellectual and the spiritual life of a people, the sciences which are to be taught in this new building seem to me to bear with special significance upon two lines of human endeavor in which the Negro race to-day is most directly concerned—the calling of the farmer and the profession of the physician or surgeon. Perhaps no human calling has profited as little by the scientific achievement of the last fifty years as that of agriculture, and this is particularly true in the United States of America, whether one consider the white race or the Negro race. The farmer has in the main worked along the old methods, and by a farmer I mean a man who really makes his living off the soil, not the agriculturist who makes money in a city and builds up an expensive farm in the country out of the profits earned in some other vocation. To-day one sees scientific results which have been known and applied in all other callings ignored by the great majority of those who cultivate the farms. The treatment of the soil, the selection and breeding of the plants and of animals, the renewing of the soil, the crop rotation, and many other departments of practical farming which have been known for many years, have for some reason or other not been learned by those who are most interested in knowing them. Farming is, after all, a trade, not a profession. The great body of men to whom this information is to go, will never go to a college or to a school of high grade. It is therefore the duty of all scientific establishments and of all scientific schools to contribute in some way or other to that diffusion of scientific and practical knowledge by which the fruits of modern laboratory practice may be got into the hands of the farmer, who carries on his shoulders the real load of human support and of human progress. There lies upon every institution of learning, and particularly upon every institution which cultivates these fundamental sciences upon which our industries and our professions rest, the obligation not only to teach the men in its own halls and its own laboratories, but also to do something toward the spread of that knowledge in a simple and practical form to the many thousands of those who for the want of it are scarcely able to lead decent and comfortable lives. Science and the scientific applications do their work and fill their function not when they have merely furnished great laboratories in which scientific experimentation and scientific teaching go on. That function will be fulfilled only when the simple and practical results of the scientific teaching and of the scientific methods have been put into the hands of those who most stand in need of them and put into their hands in such form that they can understand and use the results. To-day no work in my judgment has for your race such significance as the work by which the scientific methods bearing upon agriculture may be brought in a simple and effective

way into the hands of farmers, for this process lends itself not only to economic efficiency, but to intellectual and moral efficiency as well. The man who has learned to care for his own farm well, to make out of it a living while at the same time he improves the character and the quality of the farm, that man may be safely trusted to bring up children who will be not only an economic aid to the state and to the nation, but will be factors in its moral and intellectual development as well.

Secondly, I venture to say one word of the significance of modern science and of such a scientific building as this in training of the physician and surgeon. Medical practice and medical teaching have been remade by the scientific advances of the last forty years. The true physician to-day, while still preserving his intimate relation to the families of his patients, is for the first time in the history of the race a true man of science. He is not only the friend and the faithful attendant of the sick, but more important still, he is the guardian of the public health and by his wise foresight and scrutiny not only prevents the disease which threatens the individual and the community, but also limits the spread of that disease, if by any accident it does infect even a carefully guarded district. Such a man, rightly trained, becomes in any village or city or neighborhood in which he lives a supervisor of sanitation and of health. His scrutiny over these matters is in some ways more important than his service to the individual himself.

Every Negro physician who is at once a well-educated and well-trained man in the scientific treatment of diseases becomes a teacher of his race in all those things which have to do with sanitation and with the preservation of the public health. He is also of enormous value in the education of his whole race in the correct knowledge of how to live, of what sanitary living is, of what it means to take those simple and wholesome protections which to the educated man who has been rightly taught become a matter of second nature. In no other direction does science touch your race in its social and its physical and in its moral relations so closely as through the person of the well trained, modern physician who takes with him into his practice a sense of obligation to these public questions. In proportion as such men can be trained and sent out, they will spread amongst their own people the knowledge of those fundamental virtues and an acquaintance with those simple methods by which personal and racial health are to be kept, without which, no people can be strong and no people can progress. For this reason the importance of the well trained Negro physician to his race can scarcely be overestimated. Through no other agency can the questions of modern science be brought within the reach of so large a proportion

of the common people. By no other members of the social order can the simple, fundamental virtues be so thoroughly and so wholesomely reinforced. The well trained Negro physician is not simply a physician to his people; he is an apostle also of clean and sanitary living and an exponent going in and out of their midst of the meaning of modern science. Every such well trained physician or surgeon is the centre of a widening circle of influence.

For the same reasons the ill educated and untrained Negro physician is a more dangerous man to his race than the same kind of ill educated and ill trained white man is to his race. To-day there are many medical schools in this country engaged in the commercial production of physicians and surgeons, men of meagre general education and as ignorant of the spirit and of the methods of modern medical science as is the average farmer in the remote districts concerning the methods of the agricultural chemists. Such men are wholly unfit to exercise the influence and the power that lie in the hands of the rightly trained physician, whether he be a white man or a black man. It is little less than a crime for any institution to send forth such men, knowing that the training which has been given them is so far beneath the practice and the opportunities which our day offers. Such commercial medical schools occupy very much the position of the commercial house which sells to its patrons old and obsolete machinery, presuming on their ignorance. It seems a little more criminal to-day to license the ignorant and untrained Negro doctor than to license the ignorant and untrained white doctor, for the reason that the Negro is in just that stage of advancement in which he can profit most from the well trained man and is most helpless to protect himself against the charlatan and the sham. There is no more creditable page in the history of Howard University than that which marks the story of the development of its medical school, and one finds here to-day under its control a school for the training of negro physicians in which are united the laboratory advantages of modern science and the bed-side training of the modern hospital. Such an institution will send out men who will become strong factors in the upbuilding of their race in its next quarter century.

And so it seems to me as we come to-day to dedicate this building to the use of the teachers and the experimenters in science, we may well borrow from the occasion somewhat of that optimism which science offers to-day to the philosophy of the world itself. The very erection of such a building, the very creation of such a university is an augury of the progress and upbuilding of the race in many institutions, universities, colleges, schools of technical training, industrial schools, all of which are doing their part

toward furnishing leaders in their respective fields. Looking forward, therefore, into the future, we may well believe that science and the scientific spirit will bring to this race, as it brings to all races, a new realization of the value of life in this world and a new realization of how to live that life in wholesome, unselfish, and friendly spirit. To this race, as to all races, the word of science is a word of hope.



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